

# ***IVx3 SERVICE MODULE MANUAL - 8018***





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# Terms & Conditions of Sale:

- Customs duties, import and export licenses and certificates, if required, and all local taxes are excluded from this offer. If US state and local taxes are applicable and not included in equipment invoice, such amount may be invoiced later.
- Delivery dates or shipping schedules are approximate and based upon the most recent information available at the time of order. Dates may be adjusted upon receipt of subsequent information or modification of order. Seller will ship prior to the delivery date if possible, but not without Buyer's consent on Advanced Equipment sales.
- All contract dates and timelines begin upon receipt at MVP of customer purchase order, signed Terms and Conditions of Sale (if applicable), and down payment per quotation (if applicable).
- If shipments are delayed by the Buyer, or because the Buyer's account is in arrears, payments shall become due on the date when the Seller is prepared to make shipment. Products held by the Seller for the Buyer shall be at the risk and expense of the Buyer.
- Damages, defects or shortages must be communicated immediately to MVP. Discrepancy in pricing and/or quantities on invoices must be reported within 30 days of the invoice date. Claims made 30 days or more following the invoice date will not be honored.
- Permission to return items must be requested and granted in advance. No credit will be given if items are returned prior to requesting and receiving permission. All returns are subject to a restocking fee. The standard 15% charges may be increased or decreased depending on the reason for the return. Special ordered items may not be returned.
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- Many factors beyond Seller's control contribute to the success of Buyer's finished products, such as raw materials used to manufacture the product. Equipment is warranted to perform to specifications detailed in quotation, but Seller is not liable for quality or quantity of finished products produced by Buyer.
- The country of origin is the United States of America. Sale, installation and all rights of the parties are governed by the laws of the state of Florida. Venue with regard to any litigation shall be in Pinellas County, Florida. The parties agree to waive all rights to trial by jury as to any and all disputes.
- The goods remain the property of the Seller until full payment is received.
- Sale of equipment is subject to application and issuance of proper US Government export license and regulations, if applicable.
- Installation of equipment is responsibility of Buyer and Seller, with cost responsibility and number of days provided as detailed in original customer Quotation. Seller will provide installation supervision personnel within 30 days of customer request. If installation is delayed by the Buyer more than six months from the date of shipment, or if customer facility or material/parts are not prepared for installation, seller will invoice full installation costs, up to \$1,250 a day plus expenses, for each MVP installation technician on site. Seller has the option to waive this fee at its discretion.
- Parties shall be excused for delays caused by embargoes, acts of civil or military authorities, Acts of God, or other circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the parties. Notification of such delays must be made in writing within ten days of occurrence.
- Our agreement supersedes any previous agreement and applies in full.



# SAFETY & WARNING INFORMATION:

## OPERATING YOUR POLYESTER SYSTEM SAFELY



### 1. Introduction

Any tool, if used improperly, can be dangerous. Safety is ultimately the responsibility of those using the tool. In like manner, safe operation of polyester processes is the responsibility of those who use such processes and those who operate the equipment. This manual outlines procedures to be followed in conducting polyester operations safely. This system has been specifically designed for use of Polyester Resin, Gel-Coat, and Methyl Ethyl Ketone Peroxides (MEKP) applications. Other formulations or blends considered for use in this equipment is strictly prohibited without the expressed consent by Magnum Venus Plastech Inc. Magnum Venus Plastech cannot eliminate every danger nor foresee every circumstance that might cause an injury during equipment operation. Some risks, such as the high pressure liquid stream that exits the spray tip, are inherent to the nature of the machine operation and are necessary to the process in order to manufacture the end-product. For this reason, ALL personnel involved in polyester operations should read and understand the Safety Manual. It is very important for the safety of employees involved in the operation that equipment operators, maintenance and supervisory personnel understand the requirements for safe operation. Each user should examine his own operation, develop his own safety program and be assured that his equipment operators follow correct procedures. Magnum Venus Plastech hopes that this manual is helpful to the user and recommends that the precautions in this manual be included in any such program. Magnum Venus Plastech recommends this Safety Manual remain on your equipment at all times for your personnel safety. In addition to the manual, Magnum Venus Plastech recommends that the user consult the regulations established under the Occupational Safety & Health Act (OSHA), particularly the following sections:

1910.94 Pertaining to Ventilation.

1910.106 Pertaining to flammable liquids

1910.107 Pertaining to spray finishing operations, particularly Paragraph (m) Organic Peroxides and Dual Component Coatings.

Other standards and recognized authorities to consult are the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) bulletins as follows:

NFPA No.33 Chapter 14, Organic Peroxides and Dual Component Materials

NFPA No.63 Dust Explosion Prevention

NFPA No.70 National Electrical Code

NFPA No.77 Static Electricity

NFPA No.91 Blower and Exhaust System

NFPA No.654 Plastics Industry Dust Hazards

Type of Fire Extinguishing equipment recommended: Fire Extinguisher – code ABC, rating number 4a60bc.



Extinguishing Media – Foam, Carbon Dioxide, Dry Chemical, Water Fog.

Copies of the above bulletins are available, at a nominal charge from:



National Fire Protection Association  
470 Atlantic Avenue  
Boston, MA 02210

Research Report No.11 of the American Insurance Association deal with “Fire, Explosion and Health Hazards of Organic Peroxides”. It is published by:

American Insurance Association  
85 John Street  
New York, NY 10038

Local codes and authorities also have standards to be followed in the operation of your spraying equipment. Your insurance carrier will be helpful in answering questions that arise in your development of safe procedures.

### **1.2 Personal Safety Equipment**

Magnum Venus Plastech recommends the following Personal Safety Equipment for conducting safe operations of the Polyester Systems:

Magnum Venus Plastech recommends that the user consult the state and local regulations established for all Safety equipment listed.

## **2.0 Material Safety**

### **2.1 Hazards Associated with Laminating Operations**

The major hazards which should be guarded against in polyester laminating operations are those associated with:

1. The flammability and explosion dangers of the catalyst normally used – Methyl Ethyl Ketone Peroxide (MEKP).
2. The flammability dangers of clean-up solvents sometimes used (Magnum Venus Plastech recommends that clean-up solvents be non-flammable), and of resin diluents used, such as styrene.
3. The flammability dangers of catalyst diluents, if used. (Magnum Venus Plastech recommends that catalyst not be diluted.
4. The flammability dangers of the uncured liquid resins used.
5. The combustibility dangers of the cured laminate, accumulations of over spray, and laminate sandings.
6. The toxicity dangers of all the chemicals used in laminating operations with respect to ingestion, inhalation and skin and eye hazards.



## 2.2 Catalyst (Methyl Ethyl Ketone Peroxide)

MEKP is among the more hazardous materials found in commercial channels. The safe handling of the “unstable (reactive)” chemicals presents a definite challenge to the plastics industry. The highly reactive property which makes MEKP valuable to the plastics industry in producing the curing reaction of polyester resins also produces the hazards which require great care and caution in its storage, transportation, handling, processing and disposal. MEKP is a single chemical. Various polymeric forms may exist which are more or less hazardous with respect to each other. These differences may arise not only from different molecular structures (all are, nevertheless, called “MEKP”) and from possible trace impurities left from the manufacture of the chemicals, but may also arise by contamination of MEKP with other materials in its storage or use. Even a small amount of contamination with acetone, for instance, may produce an extremely shock-sensitive and explosive compound.

**Contamination with promoters or materials containing promoters, such as laminate sandings, or with any readily oxidizing material, such as brass or iron, will cause exothermic “redox” reactions which can become explosive in nature. Heat applied to MEKP, or heat build-up from contamination reactions can cause it to reach what is called its Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature (SADT).**




Researchers have reported measuring pressure rates-of-rise well in excess of 100,000 psi per second when certain MEKP's reach their SADT. (For comparison, the highest pressure rate-of-rise listed in NFPA Bulletin NO.68, “Explosion Venting”, is 12,000 psi per second for an explosion of 12% acetylene and air. The maximum value listed for a hydrogen explosion is 10,000 psi per second. Some forms of MEKP, if allowed to reach their SADT, will burst even an open topped container. This suggests that it is not possible to design a relief valve to vent this order of magnitude of pressure rate-of-rise. The user should be aware that any closed container, be it a pressure vessel, surge chamber, or pressure accumulator, could explode under certain conditions. There is no engineering substitute for care by the user in handling organic peroxide catalysts. If, at any time, the pressure relieve valve on top of the catalyst tank should vent, the area should be evacuated at once and the fire department called. The venting could be the first indication of a heat, and therefore, pressure build-up that could eventually lead to an explosion. Moreover, if a catalyst tank is sufficiently full when the pressure relief valve vents, some catalyst may spray out, which could cause eye injury. For this reason, and many others, anyone whose job puts them in an area where this vented spray might go, should always wear full eye protection even when laminating operations are not taking place.

Safety in handling MEKP depends to a great extent on employee education, proper safety instructions and safe use of the chemicals and equipment. Workers should be thoroughly informed of the hazards that may result from improper handling of MEKP, especially in regards to contamination, heat, friction and impact. They should be thoroughly instructed regarding the proper action to be taken in the storage, use and disposal of MEKP and other hazardous materials used in the laminating operation. In addition, users should make every effort to:

- A. Store MEKP in a cool, dry place in original containers away from direct sunlight and away from other chemicals.
- B. Keep MEKP away from heat sparks and open flames.
- C. Prevent contamination of MEKP with other materials, including polyester over spray and sandings, polymerization accelerators and promoters, brass, aluminum and non-stainless steels.



- D. Never add MEKP to anything that is hot, since explosive decomposition may result.
- E. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Protective equipment should be worn at all times. During clean-up of spilled MEKP, personal safety equipment, gloves and eye protection must be worn. Firefighting equipment should be at hand and ready.
- F. Avoid spillage, which can heat up to the point of self-ignition.
- G. Repair any leaks discovered in the catalyst system immediately, and clean up the leaked catalyst at once in accordance with the catalyst manufacturer's instructions.
- H. Use only original equipment or equivalent parts from Magnum Venus Plastech in the catalyst system (i.e.: hoses, fitting, etc.) because a dangerous chemical reaction may result between substituted parts and MEKP.
- I. Catalyst accumulated from the purging of hoses or the measurement of fluid output delivered  should never be returned to the supply tank, such catalyst should be diluted with copious quantities of clean water and disposed of in accordance with the catalyst manufacturer's instructions.

The extent to which the user is successful in accomplishing these ends and any additional recommendations by the catalyst manufacturer determines largely the safety that will be present in his operation.

## 2.3 Clean-Up Solvents and Resin Diluents

### **WARNING**

**A hazardous situation may be present in your pressurized fluid system! Hydrocarbon Solvents can cause an explosion when used with aluminum or galvanized components in a closed (pressurized) fluid system (pump, heaters, filters, valves, spray guns, tanks, etc.). The explosion could cause serious injury, death and/or substantial property damage. Cleaning agents, coatings, paints, etc. may contain Halogenated Hydrocarbon Solvents. Some Magnum Venus Plastech spray equipment includes aluminum or galvanized components and will be affected by Halogenated Hydrocarbon Solvents.**

- A. There are three key elements to the Halogenated Hydrocarbon (HHC) solvent hazard.
  - a. The presence of HHC solvents. 1,1,1 – Trichloroethane and Methylene Chloride are the most common of these solvents. However, other HHC solvents are suspect if used; either as part of paint or adhesives formulation, or for clean-up flushing.
  - b. Aluminum or Galvanized Parts. Most handling equipment contains these elements. In contact with these metals, HHC solvents could generate a corrosive reaction of a catalytic nature.
  - b. Equipment capable of withstanding pressure. When HHC solvent contact aluminum or galvanized parts inside a closed container such as a pump, spray gun, or fluid handling system, the chemical reaction can, over time, result in a build-up of heat and pressure, which can reach explosive proportions.

When all three elements are present, the result can be an extremely violent explosion. The reaction can be sustained with very little aluminum or galvanized metal; any amount of aluminum is too much.

A. The reaction is unpredictable. Prior use of an HHC solvent without incident (corrosion or explosion) does NOT mean that such use is safe. These solvents can be dangerous alone (as a clean-up or flushing agent) or when used as a component or a coating material. There is no known inhibitor that is effective under all circumstances. Furthermore, the mixing of HHC solvents with other materials or solvents, such as MEKP, alcohol, and toluene, may render the inhibitors ineffective.

B. The use of reclaimed solvents is particularly hazardous. Reclaimers may not add any inhibitors. Also, the possible presence of water in reclaimed solvents could feed the reaction.

C. Anodized or other oxide coatings cannot be relied upon to prevent the explosive reaction. Such coatings can be worn, cracked, scratched, or too thin to prevent contact. There is no known way to make oxide coatings or to employ aluminum alloys, which will safely prevent the chemical reaction under all circumstances.

D. Several solvent suppliers have recently begun promoting HHC solvents for use in coating systems. The increasing use of HHC solvents is increasing the risk. Because of their exemption from many State Implementation Plans as Volatile Organic Compounds

(VOC's), their low flammability hazard, and their not being classified as toxic or carcinogenic substances, HHC solvents are very desirable in many respects.



**WARNING: Do not use Halogenated Hydrocarbon solvents in pressurized fluid systems having aluminum or galvanized wetted parts.**

**NOTE: Magnum Venus Plastech is aware of NO stabilizers available to prevent Halogenated Hydrocarbon solvents from reaction under all conditions with aluminum components in closed fluid system. TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION... Halogenated Hydrocarbon solvents are dangerous when used with aluminum components in a closed fluid system.**

A. Consult your material supplier to determine whether your solvent or coating contains Halogenated Hydrocarbon Solvents.

B. Magnum Venus Plastech recommends that you contact your solvent supplier regarding the best non-flammable clean-up solvent with the heat toxicity for your application.

C. If, however, you find it necessary to use flammable solvents, they must be kept in approved, electrically grounded containers.

D. Bulk solvent should be stored in a well-ventilated, separate building, 50 feet away from your main plant.

E. You should allow only enough solvent for one day's use in your laminating area.

F. "NO SMOKING" signs must be posted and observed in all areas of storage or where solvents and other flammable materials are used.

G. Adequate ventilation (as covered in OSHA Section 1910.94 and NFPA No.91) is important wherever solvents are stored or used, to minimize, confine and exhaust the solvent vapors.

H. Solvents should be handled in accordance with OSHA Section 1910.106 and 1910.107.

## 2.4 Catalyst Diluents

Magnum Venus Plastech spray-up and gel-coat systems currently produced are designed so that catalyst diluents are not required. Magnum Venus Plastech, therefore, recommends that diluents not be used. This avoids the possible contamination which could lead to an explosion due to the handling and mixing of MEKP and diluents. In addition, it eliminates any problems from the diluent being contaminated through rust particles in drums, poor quality control on the part of the diluents suppliers, or any other reason. If, however, diluents are absolutely required, contact your catalyst supplier and follow his instructions explicitly. Preferable, the supplier should premix the catalyst to prevent possible “on the job” contamination while mixing.

### **WARNING**

**If diluents are not used, it should be remembered that catalyst spillage, gun, hose and packing leaks are potentially more hazardous, since each drop contains a higher concentration of catalyst, and therefore will react quicker with over spray and the leak.**

## 2.5 Cured Laminate, Overspray and Laminate Sandings Accumulation

A. Remove all accumulations of overspray, FRP sandings, etc. from the building as they occur. If this waste is allowed to build up, spillage of catalyst is more likely to start a fire; in addition, the fire would burn hotter and longer.

B. Floor coverings, if used, should be non-combustible.

C. Spilled or leaked catalyst may cause a fire if it comes in contact with an FRP product, oversprayed chop or resin, FRP sandings or any other material with MEKP.

To prevent this spillage and leakage, you should:

1. Maintain your Magnum Venus Plastech System. Check the gun several times daily for catalyst and resin packing or valve leaks. REPAIR ALL LEAKS IMMEDIATELY.

2. Never leave the gun hanging over, or lying inside the mold. A catalyst leak in this situation would certainly damage the part, possibly the mold, and may cause a fire.

3. Inspect resin and catalyst hoses daily for wear or stress at the entry and exits of the boom sections and at the hose and fittings. Replace if wear or weakness is evident or suspected.

4. Arrange the hoses and fiberglass roving guides so that the fiberglass strands DO NOT rub against any of the hoses at any point. If allowed to rub, the hose will be cut through, causing a hazardous leakage of material which could increase the danger of fire. Also, the material may spew onto personnel in the area.

## 2.7 Toxicity of Chemicals

A. Magnum Venus Plastech recommends that you consult OSHA Sections 1910.94, 1910.106, 1910.107 and NFPA No.33, Chapter 14, and NFPA No.91.

B. Contact your chemical supplier(s) and determine the toxicity of the various chemicals used as well as the best methods to prevent injury, irritation and danger to personnel.

C. Also determine the best methods of first aid treatment for each chemical used in your plant.

## 2.8 Treatment of Chemical Injuries

Great care should be used in handling the chemicals (resins, catalyst and solvents) used in polyester systems. Such chemicals should be treated as if they hurt your skin and eyes and as if they are poison to your body. For this reason, Magnum Venus Plastech recommends the use of protective clothing and eye wear in using polyester systems. However, users should be prepared in the event of such an injury. Precautions include:

1. Know precisely what chemicals you are using and obtain information from your chemical supplier on what to do in the event the chemical gets onto your skin or into the eyes, or is swallowed.
2. Keep this information together and easily available so that it may be used by those administering first aid or treating the injured person.
3. Be sure the information from your chemical supplier includes instructions on how to treat any toxic effects the chemicals have.



### **WARNING**

**Contact your doctor immediately in the event of any injury and give him the information you have collected. If your information includes first aid instructions, administer first aid immediately while you are contacting your doctor.**

Fast treatment of the outer skin and eyes that contact such chemicals generally includes immediate and thorough washing of the exposed skin and immediate and continuous flushing of the eyes with lots of clean water for at least 15 minutes or more. These general instructions of first aid treatment, however, may be incorrect for some chemicals; that is why you must know the chemicals and treatment before an accident occurs. Treatment for swallowing a chemical frequently depends upon the nature of the chemical.

**NOTE: Refer to your System User Manual for complete and detailed operating instructions and service information.**

### 3.0 Equipment Safety

#### **WARNING**

Magnum Venus Plastech suggests that personal safety equipment such as EYE GOGGLES, GLOVES, EAR PROTECTION, and RESPIRATORS be worn when servicing or operating this equipment. Ear protection should be worn when operating a fiberglass chopper to protect against hearing loss since noise levels can be as high as 116 dB (decibels). This equipment should only be operated or serviced by technically trained personnel!

#### **WARNING**

Never place fingers, hands, or any body part near or directly in front of the spray gun fluid tip. The force of the liquid as it exits the spray tip can cause serious injury by shooting liquid through the skin. NEVER LOOK DIRECTLY INTO THE GUN SPRAY TIP OR POINT THE GUN AT OR NEAR ANOTHER PERSON. (TREAT THE GUN AS IF IT WERE A LOADED PISTOL.)

### 3.1 Emergency Stop Procedures

The following steps should be followed in order to stop the machinery in an emergency situation

1. The ball valve located where the air enters the power head of the resin pump, should be moved to the "OFF" or closed position. To do this, simply rotate the lever on the ball valve 90 degrees. Doing this will cause all the system air to bleed out of the system in a matter of a few seconds, making the system incapable of operating

**NOTE:** *Step 2 is a precautionary step and should be followed whenever the above mentioned ball valve is activated to the stop mode. Failure to do so, can damage the regulators and components on reactivating to the "ON" position.*

2. Turn all system regulators to the "OFF" position (counter-clockwise) position

**NOTE:** *Verify that the Catalyst relief line, located on the catalyst manifold, and the resin return line, located on the resin filter, are secured relieving catalyst and resin fluid pressure.*

3. Catalyst pressure in the catalyst pump can be eliminated by rotating the ball valve on the catalyst manifold 90 degrees to the "open" or "on" position.

**Note:** *The "open" or "on" position is when the ball valve handle is parallel (in line) with the ball valve body. The "closed" or "off" position is when the ball valve handle is perpendicular (across) the ball valve body.*



4. Resin pressure in the resin pump can be eliminated by rotating the ball valve on the resin filter 90 degrees to the "open" or "on" position. Place a container under the ball valve to catch any resin that is ejected out of the valve.

### 3.2 Grounding

Grounding an object means providing an adequate path for the flow of the electrical charge from the object to the ground. An adequate path is one that permits a charge to flow from the object fast enough that it will not accumulate to the extent that a spark can be formed. It is not possible to define exactly what will be an adequate path under all conditions since it depends on many variables. In any event, the grounding means should have the lowest possible electrical resistance. Grounding straps should be installed on all loose conductive objects in the spraying area. This includes material containers and equipment. Magnum Venus Plastech recommends grounding straps be made of AWG No.18 stranded wire as a minimum and the larger wire be used where possible. NFPA Bulletin No77 states that the electrical resistance of such a leakage path may be as low as 1 meg ohm (10 ohms) but that resistance as high as 10,000 meg ohms will produce an adequate leakage path in some cases. Whenever flammable or combustible liquids are transferred from one container to another, or from one container to the equipment, both containers or container and equipment shall be effectively bonded and grounded to dissipate static electricity. For further information, see **National Fire Protection Association** (NFPA) 77, titled "Recommended Practice on Static Electrical". Refer especially to section 7-7 titled "Spray Application of Flammable and Combustible Materials". Check with local codes and authorities for other specific standards that might apply to your application. NEVER USE HARD MATERIALS SUCH AS WIRE, PINS, ETC., TO CLEAR A PLUGGED GUN. HARD MATERIALS CAN CAUSE PERMANENT DAMAGE. DAB WITH A BRISTLE BRUSH, BLOW BACKWARDS WITH AIR UNTIL CLEAR WHILE WEARING A PROTECTIVE EYE SHIELD. REPEAT AS MANY TIMES AS NECESSARY. DO NOT PERFORM ANY MAINTENANCE OR REPAIRS UNTIL YOU HAVE FOLLOWED THE PRECAUTIONS STATED ABOVE. IF YOU, AS AN EQUIPMENT OPERATOR OR SUPERVISOR, DO NOT FEEL THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ADEQUATELY TRAINED OR INSTRUCTED AND THAT YOU LACK THE TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE TO OPERATE OR PERFORM MAINTENANCE ON A PIECE OF MAGNUM VENUS PLASTECH EQUIPMENT, PLEASE CALL MAGNUM VENUS PLASTECH BEFORE OPERATING OR PERFORMING MAINTENANCE ON THE EQUIPMENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ABOVE PRECAUTIONS OR ANY SERVICE OR OPERATION PRECEDURES, CALL YOUR MAGNUM VENUS PLASTECH DISTRIBUTOR OR MAGNUM VENUS PLASTECH.

**NOTICE:** *All statements, information and data given herein are believed to be accurate and reliable but are presented without guaranty, warranty or responsibility of any kind express or implied. The user should not assume that all safety measures are indicated or that other measures are not required.*

**DANGER:** *Contaminated catalyst may cause Fire or Explosion. Before working on the catalyst pump or catalyst accumulator, wash hands and tools thoroughly. Be sure work area is free of dirt, grease or resin. Clean catalyst system components with clean water only.*

**DANGER:** *Eye, skin and respiration hazard. The Catalyst, MEKP, may cause blindness, skin irritation or breathing difficulty. Keep hands away from face. Keep food and drink away from work area.*

**WARNING:** *Please refer to your catalyst manufacturer's safety information regarding the safe handling and storage of catalyst. Wear appropriate safety equipment as recommended.*



# Introduction:

*This Vacuum Service Module is an air driven unit which allows users of the PPVS, PPVS-Infusion and AutoCatch to easily check and adjust the switching point of these control valves. It also allows for testing for vacuum leaks in the IVx3, IVx2, TAS and TAS-14 Injection valves.*

The Calibration Box's internal vacuum can be adjusted infinitely between atmosphere and minus 800mb.

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1. Universal insert for vacuum integrity testing.
2. Adjustable vacuum level.
3. Vacuum isolation valve.
4. Pressure indicator (for PPVS testing etc.).
5. Three position selector valve to control outputs to inject and purge ports.
6. Air out port.
7. Internal regulator set at 6 bar for control signals and air out port.
8. Air leak signal outputs (this can be used to test PPVS-1000 etc.).
9. Some fittings and tubing supplied attached to the box, so no additional items required for most tests.







# Overview:





Test Fittings/Tubing



Air Leak Signal

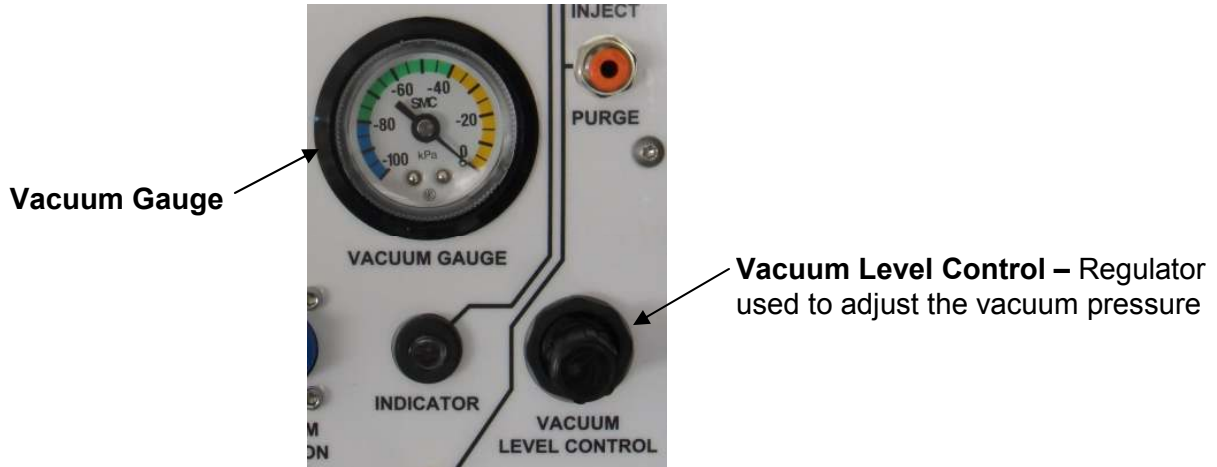
## Controls Overview:



PURGE Output Signal/Port

INJECT Output Signal/Port

**PURGE/OFF/INJECT** – When connected to a valve it switches the valve mode. If the valve is placed in the off state no signals are sent. When in purge mode an air signal is sent to the 4mm Purge port. When switched to inject mode an air signal is sent to the 4mm Inject port.



**VACUUM LEVEL CONTROL** – Used to adjust the vacuum pressure level. By adjusting the vacuum regulator the vacuum level will be indicated on the vacuum gauge.



**Open Position**



**Closed Position**

**VACUUM ISOLATION VALVE** – Locks or insulates the vacuum pressure on the valve in the Universal Insert Adapter port – The Open position applies the set vacuum on the valve in the universal adapter port. The Closed position locks the set valve on the valve in the universal adapter port.





# IVx3 TEST PROCEDURES:

**Main Air Inlet** – Connect a clean and dry air supply to the 8mm/10mm Main Air Inlet. This should be at 6 bar (90 psi) constant air supply. The Control box has an internal regulator set to 6 bar to prevent damage to the PPVS or other valves.

**8mm/10mm Main Air Inlet**



## Testing IVx3 for vacuum leak:



1. Connect air supply to Main Air Inlet
2. Connect the corresponding IVx3 valve port to the proper port on the control box using 4 mm tube (see figure).
3. With the IVx3 in the OFF mode adjust the Vacuum level control to maximum level.
4. Close the Vacuum Isolation Valve.
5. Now wait several minutes to check that the vacuum level on the vacuum gauge does not drop.
6. If the vacuum level drops then check the IVx3 Seal and repair as needed.

**INJECT** output signal

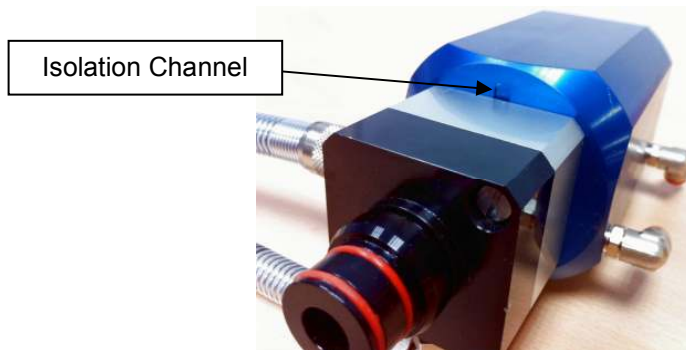
**PURGER** output signal

**Valve Mode Control -  
PURGE / OFF / INJECT**



### Actuator Testing:

1. Connect the Purge output on the top of the Service Module to the purge signal port on the IVX3.
2. Connect the Inject output on the top of the Service Module to the inject signal port on the IVX3.
3. Operate the switch on the Service Module and put the valve in the Inject position. Ensure the actuator shaft assembly moves freely through its full range of travel and that the top of the shaft is visible in the upper slot of the Top Bush (6982).
4. Move the switch on the Service Module to the center to exhaust the air from the Inject port. Ensure the IVX3 shaft assembly moves freely back to the un-actuated position.
5. Operate the switch on the Service Module and put the valve in the Purge position. Ensure the actuator shaft assembly moves freely through its full range of travel and that the top of the shaft is visible only in the lower slot of the Top Bush (6982).
6. Move the switch on the Service Module to the center to exhaust the air from the Inject port. Ensure the IVX3 shaft assembly moves freely back to the un-actuated position.
7. Carry out steps 3-6 a number of times to ensure correct operation.
8. Put the IVX3 into the Purge position and then squirt some soapy water around the Top Bush (6982) to check for air leaks.
9. **With the Fluid section of the valve removed:** Put the IVX3 into the Inject position and then squirt some soapy water around the Bottom Bush (6983) to check for air leaks.
- 9a. **With the Fluid section installed:** Put the IVX3 into the Inject position and then squirt some soapy water around the Isolation Channel as shown in the image below.

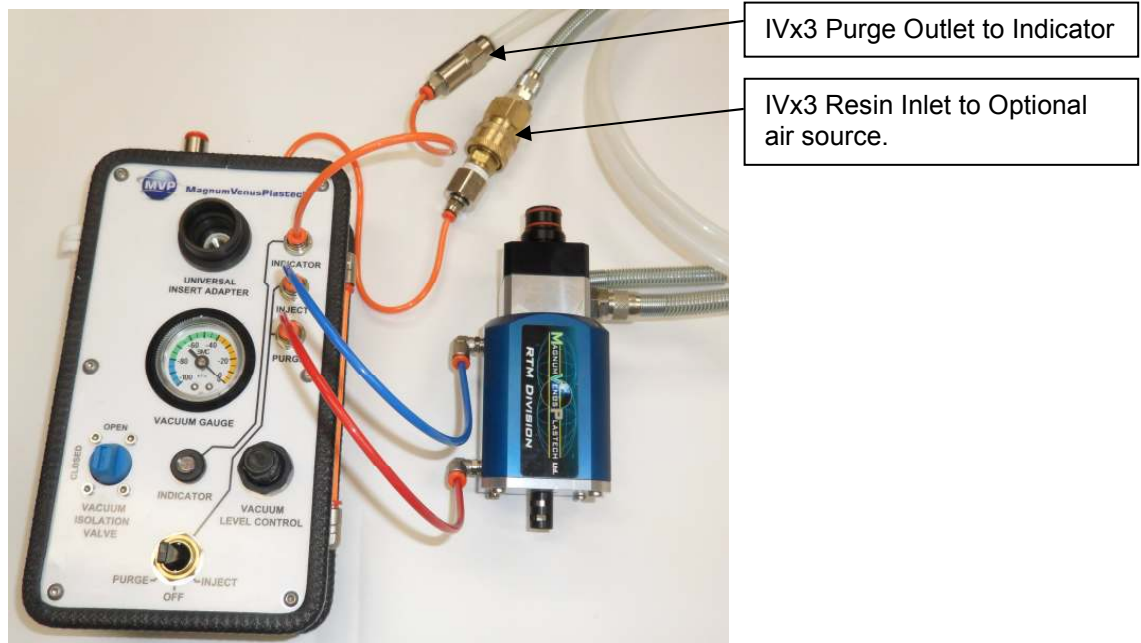


10. If there are any noticeable leaks, check for and remedy any of the following:
  - a. Bush is tightened and thread locker applied.
  - b. O-Ring is in good condition.
  - c. Bush is in good condition.
  - d. Actuator shaft is not damaged (scored etc.).

## Fluid Section Testing – Pressure:

***WARNING: During pressure testing, ensure the IVX3's resin injection port is directed away from yourself and others. Some of the tests will vent air through this port.***

1. Place the IVX3 on a bench; ensure the injection port is not connected (for example into the universal insert on the top of the IVX3 Service Module).
2. Connect the Inject output on the top of the Service Module to the Inject signal port on the IVX3.
3. Connect the Purge output on the top of the Service Module to the Purge signal port on the IVX3.
4. Ensure the IVX3 is in the closed position.
5. Connect the IVX3 Purge Outlet to the indicator on the Service Module or a pressure gauge.
6. Connect the IVX3 Resin Inlet to the pressure output on the Service Module (6–7 bar / 87-100 PSI) and check the indicator/gauge. (See image below)



7. If pressure is seen at indicator/gauge, the valve is leaking between the resin Inlet and Purge outlet.
8. Apply soapy water to the seal in the Lower Valve Body (6986) and look for bubbling that would imply a leak (do not point the resin outlet directly at yourself). It is acceptable to have a ***small*** leak here.

9. Operate the IVX3 to the Purge position; the indicator/gauge should now show pressure. Once again apply soapy water to the seal and check for leaks. There should not be any leaks here if the valve is in good condition.
10. Apply soapy water to the fluid section where the Lower Valve Body (6986) and Upper Valve Body (6985) join and check for leaks.
11. Apply soapy water to the fluid section where the Upper Valve Body (6985) and Actuator Cylinder (6981) join and check for leaks, particularly at the isolation channel. A leak here could indicate a problem with the Valve Bush (7052), or fitted O-rings.
12. Point the IVX3 away from yourself and operate to the Inject position, air should vent out of the resin Inject port. Close the valve.
13. Operate the IVX3 between the Closed-Inject-Purge-Closed positions a number of times and ensure the shaft is moving freely.

***NOTE: When testing is complete, residual pressure can remain in the hoses connected to the Resin inlet and Purge outlet; take care when dis-connecting the valve.***





# PPVS-1000 TEST PROCEDURES:

Testing and Adjusting PPVS-1000 vacuum setting:



1. **Option #1** - connect the INJECT Output on the control box to the PPVS supply port using 4 mm tube.
2. Connect the PPVS signal line to the pneumatic Indicator on the control box.
3. Using the Vacuum Level Control adjust the vacuum level Up/Down to determine the vacuum pressure that the valve activates & deactivates at. The indicator will signal red when the valve is active.
4. To Adjust/Change the vacuum pressure at which the valve activates use the 2.5 mm Allen Key provided. Turn the adjustment screw Clockwise ↻ to switch closer to atmosphere (nearer to zero) and Anticlockwise to switch down to -300mb (higher vacuum pressure).

Connects into the MPG leak signal.



**Option #2 – Test with Unit connected** – for SSB or Innovator units the 4mm pipe may be left connected as designed and a 6mm pipe connected between the Leak Signal on top of the PPVS and the machine's MPG. The machine can then be put on re-circulation and observed to stop when the PPVS signals at the chosen switch point.

1. Connect the INJECT Output to the PPVS supply port using 4 mm tube.
2. Then "Tee" the PPVS Leak Signal port on the top of the PPVS into the MPG signal using 4 or 6 mm tube.
3. Using the Vacuum Level Control adjust

the vacuum pressure Up/Down. The Unit will stop when the PPVS activates the leak port.



### Testing using the in box leak circuit:

1. Connect the PPVS supply signal to the Inject port on the control box.
2. Connect one of leak circuit lead signal to the top of the PPVS (6mm push fit) using the tube and 6mm-4mm reducer provided.
3. Then connect the other leak signal to the indicator.
4. Adjust the PPVS, when the indicator is on – the machine would be running. See image below.



### Testing PPVS-1000 for vacuum leak:


1. Load the PPVS valve into the Universal Insert Adaptor port.
2. Connect the INJECT Output on the control box to the PPVS supply port using 4 mm tube.
3. Connect the PPVS signal line to the pneumatic Indicator on the control box.
4. Using the Vacuum Level Control adjust the vacuum to the desired level.
5. Turn the Vacuum Isolator valve to the Closed position (horizontal) to lock the vacuum level – if the vacuum level moves (leaks) down the seal in the valve is not holding vacuum.



# PPVS-INFUSION TEST PROCEDURES:



## PPVS-Infusion Adjustment:

1. Connect the INJECT Output on the control box to the PPVS supply port using 4 mm tube.
2. Connect the PPVS signal line to the pneumatic Indicator on the control box.
3. Using the Vacuum Level Control adjust the vacuum level Up/Down to determine the vacuum pressure that the valve activates & deactivates at. The indicator will signal red when the valve is active.
4. To Adjust/Change the vacuum pressure at which the valve activates use the 2.5 mm Allen Key provided. Turn the adjustment screw Clockwise  to switch closer to atmosphere (nearer to zero) and Anticlockwise to switch down to -300mb (higher vacuum pressure).

## Testing PPVS-Infusion for vacuum leak:

1. Load the PPVS valve into the Universal Insert Adaptor port.
2. Connect the INJECT Output on the control box to the PPVS supply port using 4 mm tube.
3. Connect the PPVS signal line to the pneumatic Indicator on the control box.
4. Using the Vacuum Level Control adjust the vacuum to the desired level.
5. Turn the Vacuum Isolator valve to the Closed position (horizontal) to lock the vacuum level – if the vacuum level moves (leaks) down the seal in the valve is not holding vacuum.



# Testing the TAS (Turbo Auto Sprue):

## Testing TAS for vacuum leak:

1. Load the TAS valve into the Universal Insert Adaptor port.
2. Connect the INJECT Output on the control box to the TAS supply port using 4 mm tube.
3. Operate the switch on the Service Module and put the valve in the INJECT position. Ensure the actuator shaft assembly moves freely through its full range of travel and that the top of the shaft is visible.
4. Put the switch on the Service Module into the Closed position.
5. Open the isolation valve on the Service Module and then adjust the vacuum level at the universal insert to the maximum level (80% + vacuum). If this level cannot be reached, do the following:
  - a. Check the test equipment by plugging the universal insert and ensuring a high vacuum can be achieved.
  - b. Check the two O-rings (3265) are in good condition.If this is not the problem, the valve seal is leaking an unacceptable amount and the valve fluid section should be serviced.
6. Once a suitable vacuum level is reached, close the isolation valve on the Service Module to isolate the vacuum source. Adjust the vacuum level to zero / Off.
7. Ideally the level on the vacuum gauge should remain stationary and the vacuum should be maintained.
8. Open the vacuum Isolation valve to remove the vacuum.

***NOTE: It is important that the valve does not leak in production; air could be drawn into the part during the curing cycle.***

## Pressure Testing the TAS:

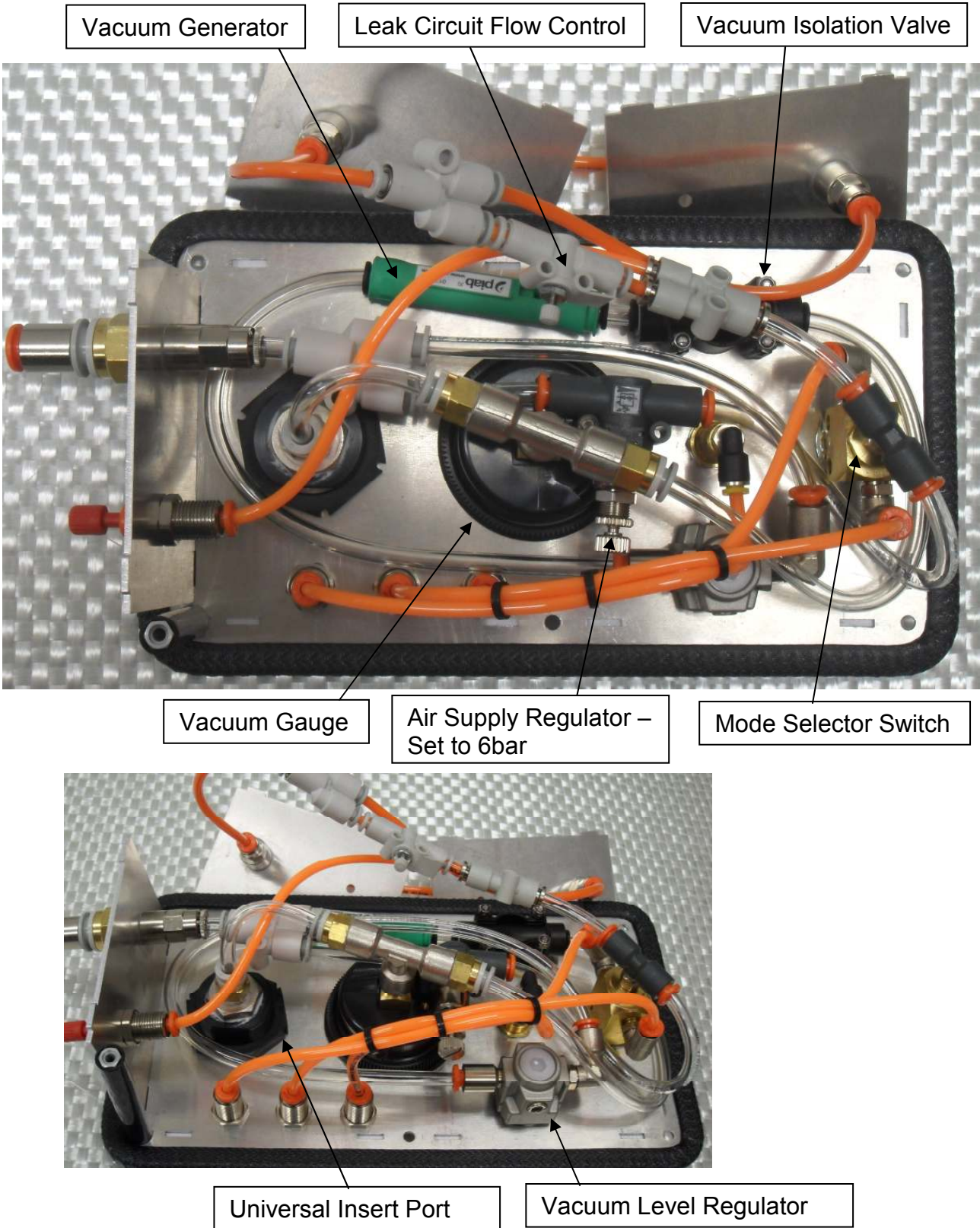
1. For TAS testing use the fittings to block the Flush/Purge line.
2. Connect the Resin Inlet to the pressure output on the Service Module (6–7 bar / 87-100 PSI)
3. Connect Inject signal from selector to the TAS signal.
4. When the valve is closed use soapy water around nose/body to check for leaks. Point nose away from yourself and others... and then open/close a number of times to check the actuator exhausting air and then repeat the leak test and cycling a number of times to ensure the valve is ok.







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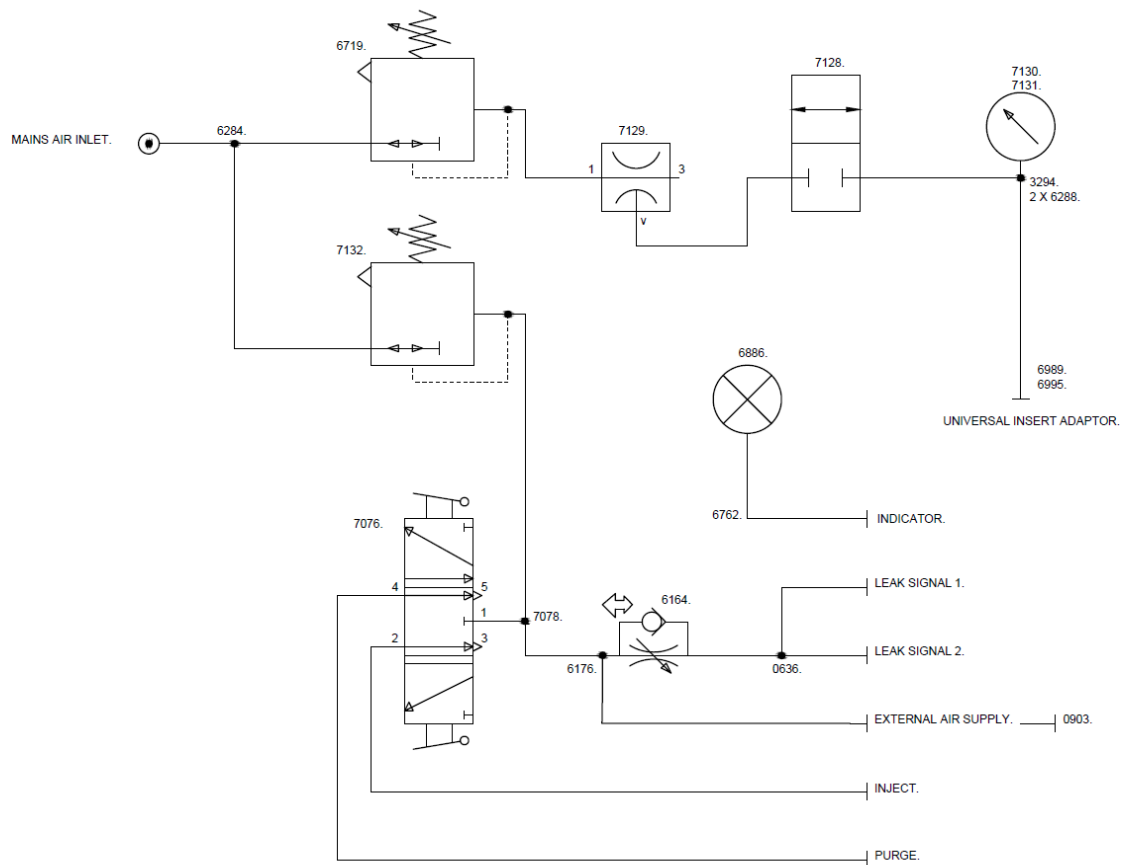




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